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Classified By: CDA Samuel Laeuchli for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On March 18, Charge delivered reftel demarche to Mr. Vincent Zakane, Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Zakane said he completely agreed with the USG position and analysis of the situation. He offered that, from the start, Burkina Faso had supported and continues to support the original African Union position.

[1](#)2. (C) Concerning the request that President Compaore take a leadership role and leverage Burkina Faso's upcoming Chairmanship of AU PSC to reaffirm previous statements, Zakane reminded us that it was the President's prerogative to do so or not, but promised to pass on the USG request. Zakane said he would follow up with any additional information he might obtain.
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